

*"If you have knowledge,
let others light their candles in it."*

- Margaret Fuller



And then seemingly from the darkest pits of ignorance did it rise. Torn and bruised by the constant fight for survival, struggle for existence. It let go an enormous grunt then.

Victory was sweet.

Slowly, it walked over its foe, trampling over its sinful guts. The dark clouds now gradually owned up a new world order. A decisive victory had been announced and it proudly fluttered its victory flag. The lifeless forms of imperceptions lay all over the bloodied land. The far off bugle was no longer a distant triumph. The sun shone brightly over the rebirth of an era. Here, the soul was the perfect companion to the ever inquisitive mind. Here, questions were revered and answers worshipped. The land of learning was now a reality and not a dystopian myth – clasped in the realm of unimaginable half-truths.

It now lorded over all.

With pride.

I have no form.

I am the water that takes the shape of the container.

I am the wind that blows through the sands of time.

I am the earth that nourishes.

I am the fire that enlightens.

I am space; boundless, enigmatic.

I am you.

I am knowledge.

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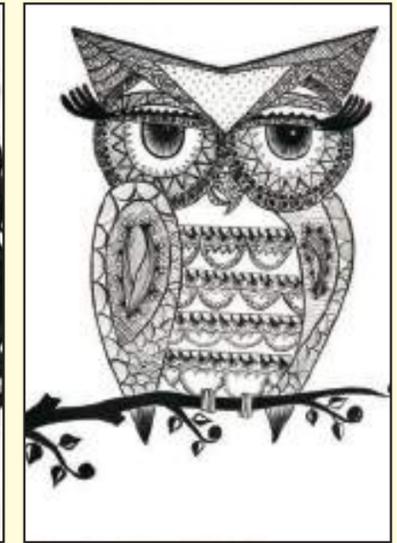
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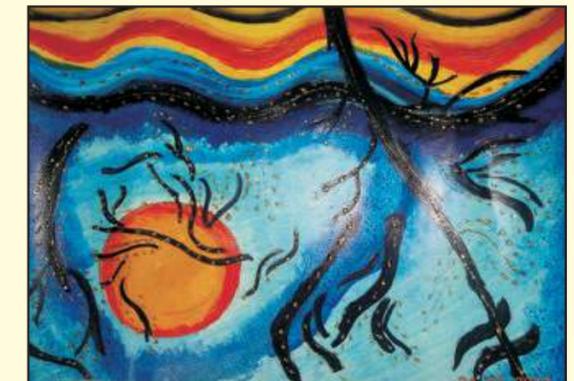
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ART

Science is everywhere. Everything is science. But at the same time, one cannot truly disagree that everything is art too. While on one hand we perceive science as a vast subject in itself engulfing everything that exists, into its rigid and inflexible definitions, on the other hand, modern society has confined the definition of art itself to a very small and materialistic means of expressing oneself.

Society has already created a stereotypical picture in our mind, of what artists must look like. 'Artist' in itself is such a massive term, people often confuse them with illustrators or craftsmen. In fact, those latter terms are merely fractals of the true meaning of what an artist really is. The meaning of the word 'Art', in its true form is as big as the universe is. Yet, the people who seek the path of achieving excellence in 'Art' will never acknowledge this fact, because of their demureness and modesty-something that almost every one lacks these days.

One can always find people going on and on about freedom of expression and people who wants their opinions to be heard by the world. However, artists are the only creatures in the universe who actually do express themselves in a medium of their choice. They do not crave fame and fortune. Neither do they want to make themselves established in the society or be heard by the whole world. Their works are rather small notes and paragraphs written in the pages of history saying, "Hello, I am [...] and today I was feeling something and I chose to express it."

A person who sits in a closed room with a lot of unrolled and fixed canvasses and tubes of paint lying around, some spread over various palettes, creating wonderful colour schemes, is not essentially an 'artist', unless he is able to express his feelings through his work. If you flip through the pages of history, you will find people who society deems as artists and honour them with posthumous fame, all of them have created certain styles by which we can uniquely identify their work and their legacy. Nowadays, one finds people who mock 'modern art' because they're too 'abstract'. But if one looks closely, everything is made up of abstract thoughts. People look at paintings and ask the painter, "what does this mean?" But that's exactly where the problem lies. Art is not meant to mean something, they're meant to make you feel something. It's meant to take the viewer through a known or unknown experience that somehow excites him or her. So, the way art works is, if one makes a work of art, and a passerby stops to look at it, the artist's mission is accomplished.

However, creating this art is not limited to paper and paint only. Art is something that comes to a person out of strong feelings for something, love being the



strongest of them all. To an architect, art designing a new structure. To a mathematician, it is finding a new equation. To a poet, it is being able to express himself in the best possible way. And lastly, to a film maker, it is making a film that the audience enjoy.

One can observe that in this world of consumerism and intense competition, it is almost impossible to do something you love. Still a lot of people are a part of this invention game. When I speak of inventions, I don't mean scientific machinery or advancements in genetic engineering. I'm speaking of much simpler things like inventing, for example, a game. Can you invent a completely new game, which has no relation to any existing game whatsoever, which has completely new set of rules and which can be played almost wherever and whenever. Now that would be art, wouldn't it?

All in all, art is something that should come to one out of love and passion. Creating something and understanding your own creation completely can take you a lot of time. So, whenever you can, come out of the rat race and give yourself time, find your passion, and create your own art.

Soham mukhopadhyay, XII Sc

THE GODMAKERS OF KUMARTULI

The smell of wet clay from the Hooghly, the sound of dry crackling straw beneath feet, the criss-cross patterns of bamboo spread out within the narrow confines of a ramshackle eight by eight studio blend seamlessly together to create the traditional homes of the artisans where Goddess Durga takes birth. This place is called Kumartuli.

The name 'Kumortuli' is derived from the original Bengali word 'Kumore' meaning potter in English. Over time, it had come to be labelled as 'Kumartuli', home to numerous artists working on their masterpieces. Come Durga Puja, their creations will hold the entire city of Kolkata spellbound for five days. Yet for the artisans on the banks of the Hooghly, it is just a means of survival. On the first day of the Bengali New Year which falls somewhere in the middle of April, skilled hands get busy shaping clay that is brought by boats from the downstream village of Uluberia. Work on the idols continues late into September. Finally, as the dawn of Mahalaya announces the arrival of the Devipaksha; the last ablutions are offered to seek blessings from one's forefathers on the banks of the sacred Ganga. The artisans of Kumartuli pronounce the occasion through invoking the powers of the female Goddess by painting the eyes of the idols of Durga, famously known as Chokkhudaan.

A week later, the festivities begin in earnest. Kolkata has many faces but during Durga Puja there is no space for anything else but celebration. After five days of celebration, it is once again time to bid goodbye to the Goddess. As the idols are immersed in the Hooghly, months of painstaking labour dissolve along with the clay, which returns to where it belongs.

Arshia Grace Manavalan, XII Sc

From the Director's Table



I would like to take you with me to read the following story, a story that brought tears to my eyes and made me reflect and ask, "Am I a parent worthy of that name, 'Father'?" Please read on....

He was watering the plants in the posh garden of an international school, heat and dust didn't seem to affect him.

"Ganga Das, Principal ma'am wants to see you right now," the peon said to him. He quickly stopped his work, washed and wiped his face and hands and headed towards the Principal's chamber with trembling feet and pounding heart. He wondered and tried to figure out what wrong he had done that Principal had sent for him so urgently.

"Knock...Knock...." "Madam, you called me?"

"Come inside," said a commanding voice. Then she pointed to a paper and said, "There is something written on this and it will be read out and translated to you."

Ganga was in tears and began to plead, "ma'am, please forgive me if I have done something wrong...give me another chance....I am forever indebted to you for allowing my daughter to study in this school, free of cost."

"Hold on, you assume a lot....we allowed your daughter because she is very hardworking and bright and you are a sincere worker. Now let me call a teacher. She will read it out and translate it to you. This is written by your daughter and I want you to hear this." Soon a teacher was called and she started reading it and translating....

It read :-

Today we are asked to write about Mother's Day. I belong to a tiny village in Bihar. In this village, education is a distant dream for many, and many women die while giving birth. My mother was one of them too. She did not even have the joy of holding me in her hands. My father was there to hold me....

Everyone in the family was sad as I was a girl and I had 'eaten up' my mother. My father was instantly asked to remarry but he refused. My grandparents tried every means to convince my father but he didn't budge.

My grandparents wanted a grandson, they threatened him, "Remarry or else you will be disowned and thrown out." He didn't think twice....he left everything, his acres of land, a good living, comfortable house and everything that counts for a good lifestyle in a village.

He came to this huge city with absolutely nothing....but me in his arms. Life was not easy, he worked day in and day out....raised me with tender love and utmost care. Very often he refused to eat stating that he had his meals outside or he didn't have the appetite....but as I grew older I realized the reason for his lack of appetite and what sacrifice he had made for my growth. He gave me the best possible comforts beyond his capacity making every possible sacrifice. This school gave him shelter, respect and the biggest gift – an admission to his daughter.

If love and care defines a mother, my father fits well in that category as well. If sacrifice defines a mother, my father dominates that category. In a nut shell....if a mother stands for love, care, sacrifice and compassion....MY FATHER IS THE BEST MOTHER ON EARTH.

On Mother's day, I would like to wish my father for being the best parent on earth....I salute him and say with pride the gardener of this school is my father. I know I may fail this test after my teacher reads this....but this would be a small price I would pay towards an ode to the selfless love of my father.

There was dead silence in the room....one could only hear the soft sobbing of Ganga Das....soft words of his daughter soaked his chest with tears....he stood there motionless with folded hands. Then he took a step forward, took the paper from the teacher's hands....held it close to his heart.

Principal got up....offered him a chair and a glass of water and said, "Ganga Das, your daughter has got 10/10 for this essay. This is the best essay ever written in this school. We are having a Mother's day gala event tomorrow and we would like to honour you and felicitate your daughter. This is to reinforce the strong belief of your daughter in you, to make her feel proud....to make the entire school proud that we have the best parent on earth as stated by your daughter.

You are a true gardener, who not only looks after the garden but also nurtures the most beautiful and precious flower of your life....I wish if I were a parent like you!"

Every parent and everyone who aspires to be a parent one day, must know that without sacrifice there is no parenting and parenting with lots of sacrifice will remain acknowledged and rewarded.

Joseph Mathew

Director



From the Principal's Desk



A man was passing a herd of elephants. He suddenly stopped and was confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held only by a small rope which was tied to their front leg. No chains! No cages! It was obvious that the elephants could, at any time break away from their bonds but for some reason they did not. He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to break loose. "Well!" the trainer said, "when they were very small, we used rope of same size to tie them as at that age, it was enough to hold them together. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe that they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These huge animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed that they could not, they were stuck right where they were.

Similarly how many of us bind our children to fulfill our unfulfilled dreams, we prevent them from unfurling their innate desire, or passion for something that is beyond our scope of thinking. We are afraid of failure, or simply we might have faced a setback in some phase of our life, we not only hang on to our beliefs but also thrust on them our fears and beliefs which make them shaky, indecisive with a low self-esteem and a lack of confidence.

Today's children are growing up in a rapidly changing social, cultural and educational environment where they are dealing with a reservoir of information and quick entertainment. Lifestyle and value systems of children are shaped by the digital media. Hence children need proper guidance, prompt intervention, a caring attitude and a firm understanding to help them not only in dealing with the pressures of this complex modern living but also preventing them from falling prey to 'virtual reality'. Let us teach our children tolerance, kindness, propriety and values. Let us teach them communication, collaboration and problem solving techniques. Let us encourage their creativity and quench their curiosity. Let them be good human beings.

Anita George
Principal

THE PHANTOM IN THE TRAPDOOR

Hi, I am Ayushi. My best friend's name is Anika. We have been best friends for about nine years. Once we had a rehearsals in the auditorium for a play named 'The Phantom' which we had to perform before of our parents. Our school was haunted for about seventy years by a phantom. No one knew this. It was our class teacher who first told us about the phantom. The phantom lived in the trapdoor which was just opposite to the stage in the auditorium. Our class teacher told us not to go near the trapdoor as it would be dangerous. But that night when everyone went home, Anika and I went inside the trapdoor. We were standing on the stairs. The stairs started moving. We were far away from the trapdoor. It was very dark. We could see two eyes sparkling. We felt scared. It was the phantom. We wanted to get out from the trapdoor. We stood on the stairs and went inside the auditorium. It was the scariest night in our lives. We would have nightmares. The next day we came to the school, performed the play in front of our parents and went home. When we were just about to get out of the trapdoor, the phantom ran and came to kill us. But, suddenly there was a flash of light and everything around became people. I do not remember anything after that. Our teachers said, we were found unconscious on the trapdoor staircase. I felt something that day, as if someone was watching and finally saved us.

Ayushi Paul Roy , VI A

THE CASE OF THE GERMAN THREE

It is the inside of a 1940s bar on the outskirts of Paris, France. At one table, sits a bunch of mildly drunk Nazi soldiers celebrating the birth of their friend's son. At the next table, sit three Nazi impersonators in SS uniform along with a beautiful and renowned actress (plus British spy). At the same table, sits an actual Gestapo Hauptsturmfuhrer (major) who has a good ear for accents. One of the impersonators orders three glasses of whisky, holding up his index, middle and ring fingers to the barkeep. After five minutes, everybody except the actress is dead.

Hold up. What went wrong?

It turns out, the impersonator gave him away, and the Gestapo officer noticed. You see, if you're German, to signal a three, you have to hold up your thumb, index and middle fingers, unlike the English convention.

So, what are we talking about? This is one of the pivotal moments in Quentin Tarantino's 2009 film, 'Inglorious Bastards.'

This kind of eye for detail and storytelling makes this scene one of the most brilliant moments in cinema. While you may find a sort of dream weaving surrealistic approach to storytelling in works by other film makers, Tarantino's works always reek of a satirical reality. In the age of commercial cinema and CGI, Tarantino keeps the flame of good, solid and impactful cinema alive.

Tarantino was born on 27th march, 1963 in Tennessee. At a

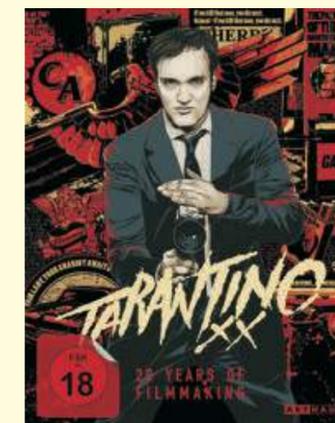
young age, he showed immense interest in books and cinema. His first foray into direction was the film 'My Best Friend's Birthday', the script of which formed at the basis of his next screen writing attempt, 'True romance'. His big breakthrough came out in 1992, with the release of 'Reservoir dog'. In 1994, Tarantino directed 'Pulp Fiction', which was a major critical and commercial success, and won the Palme d'or. Tarantino frequently collaborates with director Robert Rodriguez and screenwriter Robert Avary. Key actors that Tarantino loves to use include Samuel L. Jackson, Harvey Keitel, Christopher Walken, Christoph Waltz, Tim Roth, Steve Buscemi and Michael Madsen. He even calls Uma Thurman his "muse".

Tarantino is himself an accomplished and talented actor, making cameos in all his films. He has had a long standing relationship with Editor Sally Menke, who passed away from cancer recently.

One of the main features of Tarantino's cinema is his attention to dialogue structure. There aren't any silly scene changing and fast camera movements in Tarantino's work. Instead, there is an engaging and extremely addictive dialogue going on between his characters. Tarantino uses violence freely, but in our opinion, Tarantino's work would not be his work without some violence. Tarantino is also very attentive to detail, be it sets or costumes or even the songs that are playing on the radio. In Pulp Fiction, when Uma Thurman's and John Travolta's characters dance to 'You never can Tell' by Chuck Berry, it instantly became a major hit, and is still a cult classic.

Satyajit Ray spent four years shooting his first flim 'Pather Panchali', because of lack of funds. Francis Ford Coppola, acclaimed director of The Godfather, spent over seven years shooting 'Apocalypse Now'. Tarantino is very different from these directors because he finishes principal photography extremely quickly, and spends the rest of his production time editing and refining it to perfection. Needless to say, Quentin Tarantino is an artist and perfectionist, and we as immense fan boys have decided to write this piece in his honour. Tarantino is a gift to cinema, and he has many more accolades to come.

Rounak Haolader & Soham Mukhopadhyay , XII Sc



FLYING HIGH

Loud horns, a huge number of people on a small street, people shouting here and there. Amidst all this lived a girl named Naina. Often ignored or not noticed in this chaos, she was a star in her own world of flights and air. She did not exist in the chaotic surrounding but lived in the middle of clouds and stars. From her childhood she believed to follow her heart but little did she know that in her country, following your heart meant living up to others expectations. Ah, well moving on. She had always dreamt of being an air hostess and flying to different places. But here she was standing outside an interview hall of a major IT company with her CV. She was waiting for her call. She knew she would not be happy doing this, but who cared. She was finally called inside. She shook hands with the members of the panel and sat down on her chair. "My name is Naina Singh," she said. After that the panel fired her with the questions and finally the killer question, "Why do you want to work as an engineer of all professions?" Naina was about to say that she had no other option but told what everyone says, "because it is what I am good at and I believe I can be successful."



The panel told her to wait outside. After an hour, she was informed that she had been hired and was to join from the 08th of July with a salary of 90,000 rupees a month. Huh, big deal! She called her father and gave him the news. He said, "Aaj main bohot khush hoon!" Hearing this Naina thought at least this job gave some happiness.

Three years have passed since that day. Every day she goes to office on her TVS Scooty Pep Plus and works like a lunatic and comes back. Sick of this, finally Naina decided to confront her father and finally speak up. That day she went home and called for an urgent family meeting. She told everyone to sit down and listen without asking any questions. She said that she wanted to quit her job and was willing to become an air hostess. Shocked, her parents looked at each another and asked her why she was doing this. She answered that she was doing this for herself and for her own happiness. Her father said that if that was what she wanted then he would support her. Overwhelmed, she thanked her parents for understanding and soon joined an aviation institute and after 1500 hours she became a certified air hostess. Finally she had found the beginning of new life, not the end.

Ananya Kesh , IX A

TIME – A PERPETUAL RESOURCE

Time is the most wonderful resource that nature has bestowed upon the universe. This resource is unique in character; it flows on and on but can never be preserved. Time once lost can never be reclaimed. Loss of time tantamount to loss of opportunity. We have come across a galaxy of successful people from a time which is immemorial. Each one of them has earned success by working hard, timely decisions and completing most of their projects within their deadlines. To inculcate a habit of achieving success, one has to be an excellent time manager, hard worker and remain prepared for newer and bigger challenges. A day is made of 24 hours and a year of 365 days. No power in the world can reverse the ticking clock by even a second. Like water flowing in a stream is not retrievable even time uselessly spent can't be regained. A timely decision makes a person great or even the greatest but an untimely decision can bring disaster to one.

A person thus requires managing time and taking appropriate timely decisions to meet his targets. We have even seen hard working youngsters achieving great feats but have lost their fame later on. This has mostly happened because of the fact that these people have failed to manage their time effectively. Study reveals that time management becomes ineffective due to a few reasons. Firstly, lack of planning envisages discreet and complete job planning and daily schedules of work. Secondly, the habit of repetition of work wastes a lot of time. For efficient performances and better time management, one should be able to club the same type of work or activity and accomplish them at one shot. Thirdly, it's we who waste time unknowingly or let others waste our time. Allowing others to play psychological games is a common practice. People in general are also accustomed to play such games and kill their own time as well. One should very carefully and consciously deny or participating playing such games. Fourthly, procrastination is another renowned time killer. Doing a job, however small it may be, with right earnestness saves a lot of time. Fifthly, failure to plan jobs in advance causes wastage of time. We must know, sufficiently before time, what job and challenges are awaiting us?

The greatest time manager ever known was Napoleon Bonaparte of the French military. He used to believe that an efficient time manager can convert a desert into an oasis and no obstacle is enough to stop his timely accomplishment.

Oindrija chatterjee , VII C



From the Editor's Desk



Allow me to depart from writing a clichéd editorial note. In fact, let me start by saying that life has no rewinds only flashbacks. Once time escapes us like grains of sand there is absolutely nothing we can do to bring it back. Yet we continue only to go through life and not live it. Profound questions lurk at every crossroad but we choose to ignore. Do we really stop and think about our actions? Have we the patience to face reactions? Are we practicing what we preach? Do we grieve to see others in pain? And finally, have we come of age enough to empathize?

Honest answers to these questions will leave most of us discomfited. We are not at peace with ourselves. The communion with the soul is a distant dream. What then is the impediment in the way of peace? It is practically impossible to give an objective answer. We have all fallen into a rut and our mechanized self is getting the better of our humane self. The worst affected is today's youth. They are now active virtual beings losing touch with reality at an alarming speed. With every passing minute, the geographical boundaries are narrowing down and distance among individuals is widening. Everything seems to be in a state of flux thereby baffling adolescents beyond control. Stress has occupied a major part of young lives. Mental well-being is becoming a cause of concern in the present scenario. With the sudden technological spurt and easy access to almost everything under the sun, the youth is getting exposed to a host of undesirable things. Besides, the ever increasing gap between the parents and the adolescents make the situation even more critical. Are they happy with a life that is slipping by fast, chasing success? Well, heart of hearts, we all know the answer. Therefore it is essential that they live by choice not by chance; by design not by default. A life of worthy purpose enveloped in peace, love and prosperity will ensure that they evolve into fine individuals.

A pre requisite for such a life is the readiness to learn, imbibe and grow. Ahead, there are a few things I would like to share with my readers which might help the young impressionable minds find meaning and live a life of deep significance.

Discover your calling and maintain your perspective.

Experience solitude. Listen to your own silence. Take five minutes out at the end of the day and let the entire day's events run through the mind. Hear your inner voice.

Get a little tough with yourself. Discipline yourself with honesty. This will help you maintain credibility.

Indulge in random acts of kindness. Remember little things are the actual big things.

Our choice of words and language has a profound impact in our lives. Using positive expressions automatically draw positive energy into our lives. Say good things and good things will happen.

Enlist your problems. View them on a regular basis and keep a record of how you acted to solve them. Moreover take them as blessings in disguise. They are like training sessions. They enable you to emerge stronger.

Ideate. Create. They say "what you see is what you get", I say, there's more to life than only what sight can behold. What you do not see, is left to your imagination, thus, is more exquisite, refined and to your liking. Broaden the horizon for your finer faculties to take flight into the expanse of creativity.

Reconnect to your playful side occasionally. This will elevate your mood and promote overall well-being.

Take risks. Years down the line you do not want to say, "If....."

Have opinions. Remaining opinionated is proof enough that you are awake intellectually.

Be thankful. Show gratitude. When you thank a soul, it blesses you in return.

Practice forgiveness. Your duty is to forgive. The rest will be taken care of.

Keep calm. Aggression is only a spoiler in the long run.

Finally, honour yourself. When you respect and love yourself, it gets reflected in conduct, demeanour and your very being. Enjoy the journey called life.

Breathe. Love. Live.

Arundhati Mazumder

Editor in Chief

IVWS -Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

The academic session 2017-18 commenced with higher goals and stronger determination to achieve them. The exceptional performance of our students in the class X and class XII examination set the tone for the year ahead.

YESTERDAY

1 st Division	81 students
Above 95%	17
91%-94%	12
81%-90%	20
71%-80%	26
61%-70%	6

CLASS X

SHREYA BANERJEE	DISHAREE MALLICK
AMARTYA CHOWDHURY	BIDISHA DEB
BANDHAN ADAK	DWAIPAYAN GUHA
BEJOYA GHOSH	MARUFA MUMTAZ
MD SAHIL ABBAS	RISHIRAJ MUKHERJEE
RUPNANDA BHOWMICK	ROMIK BOSE
SREYA SANYAL	SAGNIK SARKAR
SWAGATALAKSHMI KARMAKAR	SIMARPREET KAUR
TUSHAR GARG	

CGPA 10

CLASS XII TOPPERS

- Saransh Agarwal
- Rishika Singhania
- Sarah Mansi Taluja

1 st Division	49 Students
Above 90%	8
80% -89%	16
70% -79%	15
60% -69%	10

With the very onset of the new session, enriching parallel curricular activities were lined up alongside the academic calendar. Following is the list of events that brought glory to the school.

The International School Award (ISA)

This 'badge of honour' was conferred upon us this academic year. Teachers and students endeavoured alike to bring home this prestigious award.

We collaborated with the partner schools across the world namely- Koyodai School, Japan, Youchon Elementary School, SouthKorea, Rockingham Pri mary School of North Hampton, UK, The Episcopal Academy USA, The City School of Pennsylvania and LaGuardia High School USA.



Various activities were undertaken through the course of the year. Where, on the other hand toddlers' celebrated Thanksgiving and harvest festival, Brave Little Kites and on the other hand projects like City of Joy: The Forgotten Capital and Window into the life of Tribals were taken up by senior children.

An exquisite exhibition was held in October 2016 displaying all that the students had creatively done in the course of the Activity.

The activity, 'Dances of India' focussed not only on points of commonality between Kathak and Flamenco but also the several nuances of Kandyan, Jazz and Hip-hop dances. Pollution: Best out of Waste provided the children a fabulous opportunity to unleash their creativity.

All these efforts finally culminated into a two day Grand exhibition in the month of February winning us accolades from esteemed positions.

This very coveted award has brought the school glory, alongside, raising the performance bar for the years to come.

World Press Freedom Day

At the Press Club, Kolkata the students of Indus Valley World School voiced their opinions on the freedom that the press enjoys all over the world. The myriad advantages and disadvantages were focussed on, throwing light upon the misuse of power by media as well. Reporters from prominent media houses came under one roof to witness young minds bring together facts on media workings globally. This concluded as a unique experience contributing abundantly to enhancing student development in rhetoric and perspective.



YOUTHOPIA – AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER

The fest of The Heritage School is one of the biggest, popular and most anticipated fests that feature in a Kolkata school fest calendar. This year's fest was scheduled from the 4th to the 6th of May, comprising 42 very interesting and innovative events like FIFA auction and multiple player tournament, gaming like CS, fireless cooking to name a few. My classmate Mehul Chaurasia and I were asked to be the school representatives by Director Sir, which we gleefully accepted. We had to attend two representatives' meet to know all the nitty-gritties of the fest. After a set of deliberations and discussions, we finally put together a worthy team!

So finally the first day of the fest arrived. We were accompanied by our cultural head Arundhati ma'am who helped us in all possible matters! We were pleasantly surprised by the sheer size of their campus! After registrations, we were taken to a class specifically assigned to us. Following that we all headed towards our events. The same trend was followed for the 2nd and 3rd day. The Youthopia Committee had also invited comedian Rahul Subramaniam and singer Arjun Kanungo, who staged brilliant performances providing us with some much needed entertainment. And finally the time of the much anticipated prize distribution came. I was pleasantly confident of our chores and oh boy!

I was correct. We got podium finishes in 8 events. However the best part was yet to come! The Overall Champions were to be announced, and after a lot of suspense, we were declared the 2nd best school in the fest. The feeling of lifting the trophy was great!

I would really like to thank all the teachers associated with the fest along with Director sir, Principal Ma'am and Anuradha ma'am for helping us in all possible ways and providing these wonderful opportunities. Hopefully we can achieve many more laurels like this and make our school proud.

Soumyabrata Chakraborty, XII SC

WE WANT PEACE, NOT WAR

War means the most horrible destruction of human life and property, the burning of cities, and the turning of fair fields into dreary deserts. It means famine, the multiplication of widows and orphans and a lot of other forms of human suffering. It cannot be called a glorious thing even when it cannot be avoided. Real victories are not won in wars. These victories are more or less shortlived. The men whom we have conquered today will rise against us tomorrow. Our conquest has filled them with bitterness against us and excited the envy of our neighbours. They bide their time. We turn from these to the victories or achievements of peace – victories won not against a nation but against nature, against human passion, prejudice and ignorance and won not by shedding sacred human blood but by prayer and

devotion and industry. Those things which lie at the foundation of human civilization and greatness are the products of Peace. Science and literature, political and religious progress owe their origin to periods of peace. War conquers countries, sheds human blood and is a fruitful source of envy, greed and bitterness. Peace, on the other hand extends the bounds of human knowledge by developing literature and science, makes it possible for arts to grow and encourages trade and commerce, thereby enriching nations. It is peace which brings great reform, social, political and religious. The victories of peace are greater and nobler than those of war. The creator in man comes out in peace, the destroyer in war, for all these, peace is always desirable.



Sehnaz Parveen, IX C

INTRODUCTION TO BRAIN WAVES

Well at a first glance, brain waves might sound too complicated but I'll just go through the basics so it won't be too confusing.



Our brain is made up of billions of brain cells called neurons, and these neurons use electricity (electric impulses through nerve cells) to communicate with each other. As you can probably imagine these millions of neurons sending electrical impulses create an enormous amount of electric activity in our brain.

Now these activities can be measured using a medical instrument called EEG, which measures electricity levels over your scalp. When you graph the electric activity we generate what is called a brain wave pattern (it is called due to its cyclic wave like nature). Brain waves can be classified into BETA, ALPHA, THETA and DELTA.

Most of us live the major part of our life in the beta brain waves-alert, stressed, aroused and concentrated. But if we lower our brain wave frequency to alpha we can put ourselves in an ideal condition to learn new stuff, perform more elaborate tasks, analyse complex situations and so on.

Thus friends, life offers us a variety of things so reduce your brain wave frequency to alpha, don't be stressed out, be cool and calm, analyse situations and live your life to the fullest you can.

Aditya Das Sharma, IX A

THE QUEST FOR THE CROWN PRINCESS

It was a stormy night. I rushed through the main gates into the ballroom of the Zorix mansion, cold and wet. My best friend Roxica, whose parents were the owners of the mansion, was waiting for me with a towel in her hand. She saw me and hurried over. "Dry up and put a new set of clothes on. There should be one on my bed, you can wear that. And please, hurry! I have something important to talk to you about." I said, "Ok" and went to her room and changed my clothes. By the time I was done, Roxica had packed a bunch of stuff and stuffed it in her backpack. She dragged me outside when the rain had stopped. I called a cab and demanded an explanation for why she was acting so strange. Then, she explained that, the to-be queen of England was lost!



One fine morning the queen woke up only to realize that her daughter had been kidnapped. Also, the crowning ceremony was in 3 days. We were going to Buckingham Palace. When we reached, I jumped out of the cab and so did Roxica. We went to the queen's room. She told us that she had to leave for France as soon as possible. So, naturally we got one hour to search for clues. After a lot of searching, I found a trail of pink powder which, the queen told me was the princess' favourite thing in the whole world. May be the powder would lead us to the princess. But, what if it's a diversion just to waste our time. I tried to search for footprints. I found a picture of the old king and tapped it. The painting was hollow. I searched for a slit where any message could have been kept. And true enough, a stack of papers rolled out of the painting. Each one was a picture of the king's statue at a place I did not recognize. I finally gave up. But, at that time itself, Roxica found a trail of footprints which could only be seen faintly. We followed it and the tracks ended in front of the same king's statue in the picture. But, the place was deserted. I turned and saw a dark alley. I went inside and saw a dark man. Before I could say a word, I was knocked unconscious. I fell on my knees and felt the world moving sideways. Then, I woke up and realised, this was all a dream! I told my brother all about this and I hope I can continue this dream to find out how the quest for the lost princess ends.

Srijita Marick, VII A

WHAT IS PARENTS' LOVE?

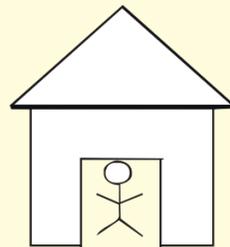


A mother is a mother who prays for you.
She will trust you even when someone says you are a liar,
She will always love you even though she is angry or has beaten you,
She will always try to make you happy and give you everything that's possible.
Love you Mom!
A father is a father who takes care of you.
He will always keep you safe,
He will always keep you away from difficulties of your life,
But would make you even learn how to fight them.
Love you Dad!

Veronica Kaur, VI C

PUZZLES

- Can you copy the image below without even lifting your pen from the paper?



- Make words with the letter **A**. Letters can be repeated. Total words = 30
 - ∅ 4 – average
 - ∅ 6 – medium
 - ∅ 12 and above – excellent



Answers : tan , nap, man, rat, map, bad, and, car , cat, tap, dam, ran, dad, sat, mat, sad, bat, ram, start mad, past, can, cast, ban, pat, bar, pan, mast, dart, cart

Veronica Kaur, VI C

Youthopia 2017

The school participated in this fest organized by The Heritage School on the 4th, 5th and 6th of May 2017. A plethora of events ran through three days putting to test the diverse skills of the students. We participated in about 25 events winning most of them and finally securing the Overall Champions- 1st Runner Up place.



Rabindra Jayanti

May 11, 2017 -We celebrated Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore's 156th birth anniversary. The programme was set around the Nobel laureate's work in the light of active revolution prevalent in the then society not only without but also within- not only political or social but also in mind, body and soul. Students from grades V –XII performed on the Genius' various compositions. The entire atmosphere had turned 'Rabindrik' evading limitations of time, culture and generations.



Speech Competition

May 13, 2017- The speech competition of two groups was conducted. The first group comprised classes V, VI and VII while the second group comprised VIII, IX and X. The children had done a commendable job with the research on the given topic. Their discourse was crisp and well-modulated. Following were the winners-

CATEGORY	WINNER	1 ST RUNNER-UP	2 ND RUNNER-UP
Group A (V, VI, VII)	ISHIR NARAYAN	VIHAAN CHARI	VANSHIKA CHAKRABORTY ROSHNI DHAR
Group B (VIII, IX, X)	BROJESH RISHI MUKHERJEE	OISHEEN CHATTERJEE	EKA NARAYAN

Inter School Debate

West Bengal State Excise in partnership with British Council, Kolkata and FACES organized an inter school debate competition on the 19th of June, 2017 at The Assembly of God Church School. Danika Kumar of class XII Sc and Brojesh Rishi Mukherjee of class X represented the school, one going for and the other against the motion- 'Drug Abuse Should Be Decriminalized.' It was an extremely enriching experience which concluded with the team 'for' the motion as winners confirming the need of a robust anti-drug awareness initiative.

JACOMUN 2017

A team of nine students participated in the Model United Nations organized by St. James' School at ITC Sonar from the 20th to the 22nd of June 2017. This assembly of nations proved to be a truly ennobling experience where students got an opportunity to make comments and take decisions on World Politics as Delegates of the allotted nation. This constructive forum for open dialogue on pressing global issues educated students on the importance of balancing national interest with the needs of the international community while learning about the powers and limitations of any negotiation.

Prefects Investiture

June 23, 2017 - The Prefects' Investiture Ceremony for the Secondary section was conducted. Prefects, Deputy Prefects, House Captains, House Vice Captains along with the Head Boy –Rohosen Bhattacharya and Head Girl- Srijeeta Das were given their badges after the oath taking ceremony. They were entrusted with duties and responsibilities to be carried out effectively in the best interest of the school.

Medical College Quiz

June 23, 2017- 3 teams from IVWS participated in the inter school quiz competition organized by the senior students of Calcutta Medical College. After a closely fought out prelims with 19 other reputed schools of Kolkata, one team comprising Saumyajeet Das, Raunak Haolader and MehulChaurasia went up to the finals ultimately securing 2nd position.

Singing Competition

June 23, 2017- This competition was held for grades III and IV. The little ones sang beautifully with much confidence. Winners of this competition were-

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	HOUSE
ADITI MURMU	1 st	IV A	INDUS
ARATRIKA GHATAK	2 nd	III B	YAMUNA
AADRITA SAHA	3 rd	III C	BRAHMAPUTRA

Class of 2016-17 Farewell



The farewell programme was organized by the current class XII batch to wish their inspiring seniors all the luck for future endeavours. There was a short cultural programme which was followed by some games and high tea. A memento was also given to each of the students. It was a moment of mixed emotions for both the students and the teachers. We wish all our children great success ahead.

Singing Competition

July 3 & 4, 2017- This competition was held for two categories namely group a V-VII and group b VIII-XII. The singers enthralled the audience with both foot tapping and soulful numbers. The choice of songs was commendable. Winners of this competition were-



Group A-V-VII

POSITION	GIRLS		BOYS	
1 ST	PUBALI DUTT	VI A	HARSH BAJPAI	V A
2 nd	KAJORI BANDOPADHYAY	VII C	ISHIR NARAYAN	VI B
3 rd	SAYANI MAITY	VII D	ACHINTYA SRIVASTAV	VI A
	VANISHRI CHAKRABORTY	VII A	STOTRA GHOSH MONDAL	V K

GROUP B - VIII-XII

POSITION	GIRLS		BOYS	
1 st	PRERNA CHATTERJEE	X C	AYANDEEP CHATTERJEE	XI SC
2 nd	SWARNALI BISWAS	X A	TAMOJIT SARKAR	X B
3 rd	MEENAKSHI BHATTACHARYA	XI SC	RITURAJ PATHARI	XI H
	SUHANI BANERJEE	IX A	DEBADITYA DAS	VIII C

Jaco'iz-

July 5, 2017- Students from grades X, XI and XII participated in one of the very prestigious school quizzes organized by St. James' School, Kolkata. Our team performed well giving other teams a tough fight. Above all the experience was extremely enriching.

Investiture for Senior Secondary

July 5, 2017- The head boy Soham Mukhopadhyay and head girl- Arshia Grace of the senior secondary were given their badges and entrusted duly with their duties.

Quizzitch

July 19, 2017-Sushila Birla Girls School organized a quiz on the occasion of 20 years of J.K. Rowling's Harry potter. Quiz master Mr. Barry O'brian fascinated the audience with his sharp wit and made the quiz a very enjoyable experience.



Elocution Competition

July 21, 2017- Grades VIII, IX and X participated in the elocution competition with much zeal. There were 27 participants in all. Every elocutionist took the stage with confidence. With near perfect voice modulation each one captivated the audience with his/her delivery. The winners were-



Winner	1 st Runner Up	2 nd Runner Up
Prachetashis Bhattacharya	Aastha Kumar	Rohosen Bhattacharya

does not care for other's feelings and does not listen to what others are saying. He goes on talking and hops from one subject to the other without break. Such a visitor is a bore. My parents also dislike the man. But I could not choose but to welcome the relative. I told him that my parents are not at home and would not return in a few hours. But he decided to stay on. He began talking in his characteristic manner. I was all the time sitting silent and glum. He then began to discuss matters of his family. I had no interest in his family matters but he rode over my feelings and went on talking at random. My patience was completely exhausted. Almost three hours had passed and I found no hope of redemption from the company of this bore. I heard another knocking, and this time my parents arrived. I handed over the unwelcome guest to my parents and sheltered myself in an adjacent room. My parents also did not like this relative. Moreover they were tired. My mother offered him a cup of tea and after half-an-hour got rid of him. Thus the prospect of lonely hours which I could have had exclusively for myself was blasted.

Ayush Goswami, VI B

THE TEMPLE OF THE SUN GOD

Travelling is one of the few things that money can buy which makes you a better person! It may not necessarily be a journey to a different country or a very-luxurious destination. A journey to a place which is separated by just a few hours from where you live can be equally enlightening. Our recent family trip to Puri also taught me a number of things. But I will not go into the mundane details and make this read a boring one, rather I would like to share a few amazing things that I got to learn about the magnificent Konark temple in Puri. Hope you are going to enjoy them too.

- At the entrance of the temple there is a strange statue. The statue depicts a lion upon an elephant which is stomping on a human being. I got to learn that the statue had a deep philosophical meaning. Here, the lion stands for strength and power, the elephant stands for wealth and the human stands for pride and gluttony. So it was trying to explain how human beings are corrupted by wealth and power and ultimately fall prey to them.



- We saw three huge gates outside the temple which had a very special capacity. I got to learn that the sun's rays come through those three gates during three different times of the day, i.e. in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening.
- Some sculptures on the walls of the temple depicted that the king used to punish serious offenders in that period by crushing them under the feet of elephants.
- There was a huge clock strategically placed inside the temple premises which impressed me the most. By following a specific method of calculation, we can learn the exact time of the day from that clock. It uses the sun's rays to tell time and it still provides accurate time even to this day.
- The entire temple of Konark is an archeological and artistic wonder. The sculptures and murals that I saw there amazed me to no end. Especially the wheels sculpted out of stone were incredibly beautiful and detailed. Even the government of India has recognized it by using the image of the wheel on our currency note and stamps.

Shreyas Garg, VII A

Quotes To Remember

- If we want to maintain true relation with someone... Always believe in what we truly know about him/her, not in what we hear about someone
Dr. Abdul Kalam
- You must trust someone who can see the sorrow behind your smile,
The love behind your anger, and the reason behind your silence.
- Life is at its weakest when there are more doubts than trust, but life is at its strongest when you learn to trust in spite of many doubts.
- Trees and plants do not bother about flowers that fall, they are always busy making new flowers blossom.
Life is not about what we have lost so far, it's about what we can achieve.
- Everything is valuable only in two situations : First, before getting it, second after losing it.
In between we do not realize the value of anything
- The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say, " You cannot do it."
- It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life....that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.



IF YOU FED COWS STRAWBERRIES, WOULD THEY GIVE STRAWBERRY FLAVOURED MILK ?

Diet definitely affects the flavour of the milk of all mammals and dairy farmers have long known that weeds in the pasture can taint the taste of cow's milk. French Gruyere de Comte cheese even tastes different when it is made from the milk of cows fed on mountain

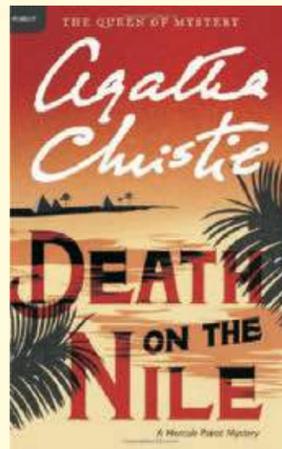


grass, rather than in the valley pastures. Feeding strawberries to cows might seem extravagant, but fruit farmers often have a lot of leftover produce that isn't good enough to sell. A 2007 study looked at the practicalities of feeding leftover pears and peaches to dairy cattle, but it made no mention of any effect on the taste of the milk. This may be because fruit flavours don't hang around for too long – the Copenhagen study found that non-citrus fruit flavours only affect the milk for a few hours. The Dairy Research Laboratory of Australia experimented in 1989 with an oat and sunflower seed supplement in cattle feed, as a way of increasing their milk's fat content. Researchers found that the oats stimulated the bacteria in one of the cow's stomach compartments to turn the sunflower oil into a chemical called gamma-dodec—cis-6-enclactone. This gave a noticeable raspberry flavour to the milk, and even to the beef!

Oindrija Chatterjee , VIII C

MY FIRST AGATHA CHRISTIE BOOK— DEATH ON THE NILE

The detective Hercule Poirot is on holiday in Egypt when he is drawn into the mysterious affair of the newlywed couple: Society's beauty, Linnet and Simon Doyle. Linnet had allegedly stolen Simon from his former fiancée, Jacqueline de Belle Forte, who is enraged. As a method of revenge, Jacqueline follows the Doyles' wherever they go, and when Linnet and Simon arrive at their honeymoon destination in Egypt, Jacqueline is waiting for them. She follows them onto the river cruise up the Nile, just when the Doyles had believed that she'd stopped. Linnet is extremely scared, and speaks to Poirot of how she is surrounded by enemies. Some days later, Linnet is found shot through the head in her cabin and Poirot is under pressure to find the killer before they strike again.



Although this book was written a long time ago, Agatha Christie is definitely a writer who needs to be remembered and her books still marvel people today. This was the first Agatha Christie book I'd ever read, and from page one I was enthralled! Now I own several other Christie books and if you like to read about detective fiction and like really good plots, then Death on the Nile is perfect. Christie describes her characters brilliantly with exquisite detail. The cleverness of Agatha Christie is that the reader is given the same clues as the detective, so if you are brilliant enough, you can discover the identity of the criminal before the detective! I would give this book a definite ten-on-ten.

Oindrija Chatterjee , VIII C

THE UNWANTED GUEST

We all love company and like guests to visit our homes. A few hours with the visitors relieve the tedium and monotony of life. But company must be enjoyable. My parents were away from home for some purchases. I was alone and was contemplating a few hours of lonely enjoyment of life by doing something dear to my heart. I had just returned from my college and was in no mood to study. I thought I must enjoy a few hours after my heart. Suddenly I heard a knocking at the door. I knew my parents would not return so soon. My first impulse was not to respond to the knocking, but the knocking continued. It was so disturbing that I had to rise up and open the door. Immediately I saw one of my relatives rushing in. I cannot tolerate that man. He is the one who is so talkative and is one who comes and never goes. He



Indian Heritage Quiz

July 22, 2017- Concern for Calcutta in association with DPS Ruby Park organized a quiz on the Indian heritage. A two member team represented the school. Our students performed quite well. It was a learning experience in all.

CityCorpUs

22nd and 23rd July- This corporate meet organized by South City International School was one of a kind. It was designed keeping all commercial aspects of life at the industry in mind. Projects on start up, logo designing, marketing were to be made and presented before judges who would pose to be potential investors. Our students showed praiseworthy commercial skills placing 3rd in the corporate quiz and 2nd in a share market investment event.

Music Quiz

July 28- St. John's Diocesan School hosted this theme based quiz where about 40 teams participated. After tough prelims on the 27th, our team qualified for the finals. Quiz master Barry O'brian made it an enthralling experience. Our team comprising Saumyajeet Das, SrishtiChaurasia and SoumyabrataChakraborty gave a stiff fight emerging 1st Runner Up for the event. SrishtiChaurasia was awarded the best quizzier.

Euphoria 2K17

July 28 & 29, 2017- This inter school fest provided just the platform for young talent. With a plethora of events on offer the stage was set where the students prepared to outsmart one another. Displaying their true competitive spirits, our students bagged most of the prizes in the fest. We were declared winner in Rangoli, Fireless Cooking and One Act Play ; 1st runner up in Short Film Making, Beat Boxing and Slogan writing ; 2nd runner up in Eastern Dance, Solo Singing and Recitation(Hindi).



The WOW- Wings of Word

WOW is an in school phonic based integrated reading programme offered to students of grade I-III. This creates a culture for reading. Skills like visualization, logical thinking and spelling expertise are developed through independent yet controlled reading of texts. Diphthongs, alliteration, setting, character comprehension are the few things on which this programmes focuses. We also offer online, offline baseline and end line assessments to estimate a child's reading level eventually providing them with guidelines for improvement. Alongside we have a user-friendly application for parent feedback, suggestion and student practice assignments. The primary aim of this endeavour is to develop a love for reading amongst students and enable them frame their own imagination in the most creative manner.

Open Door

We have taken a step ahead to enrich young minds. 'OPEN DOOR EDUCATION'- an external agency has been appointed to conduct examinations for students of grades VI to X. These include subjects like mathematics and science. The question papers are not only of a competitive nature but also application based. They aid in equipping young minds fight against the inexplicable phobia of mathematics and the science subjects.



Robox

ROBOX is a do-it yourself holistic experiential learning package which helps the students to learn STEM (Science, Technology, and Engineering & Mathematics) subjects better and also to mould them into strong positive minds. The main idea is to promote practical way of learning STEM subjects through robotics. It suggests practical way to learn math concepts and brings that extra spark to experience science concepts.



ROBOX offers complete hands on approach fostering spirit of team work which is a key to success in today's globalized world. ROBOX as a package includes - Building Blocks, RoboBrain, RoboGuru Software and Academic Curriculum Books. Students can create number of robotic models using the Building Blocks and use RoboGuru Software &RoboBrain to add intelligence to the Robot. Step -by- Step curriculum mapped with STEM concepts complements student's academic learning in the school.

ROBOX comes with various levels of activities & projects which can be executed by the students as part of year long robotics programs at schools or workshops after school. ROBOX provides activities linking the academic concepts students learn from sixth to tenth Class in their school.



Cryptic Crossword

August 4, 2017- Our school participated in this event at the Apeejay School. Students learnt advanced level crossword solving skills. The experience was enriching in all.

Masterminds '17

August 4, 2017- This inter school quiz competition was organized by the Rotaract Club of Behala in association with St. Thomas' Day School. 12 schools with over 40 teams participated with much zeal. Two of our school teams qualified for the finals. Team Saumyajeet Das and Raunak Haolader kept lead till the end when 1 default question turned the game with South City International School turning the quiz and our school securing the 1st runner up position.

Global Village

August 12, 2017- AIESEC in association with FACES and St. James' School hosted Global Village 2017. International interns present at the event interacted with students exchanging worldview and their unique cultural heritage. Various events were lined up for the day long programme and each school had to prepare for particular events keeping as close to the ethnicity of the country allotted to them. Once again our students shone their brightest securing 1st place in 'Instrumental Music', 2nd place in quiz and exhibition and 3rd place in dance and videography.

Independence Day

We celebrated India's 70th Independence Day with much pride and reverence. With the unfurling of the tricolour and singing the National Anthem our hearts filled with gratitude for our motherland. Dance and music performances, based on unsung heroes and the unflinching devotion they offered, were able to move the audience. All performances did uphold the grandeur of our country. The program brought back the glory of yesteryears juxtaposed with the new found fame.



Mystery Talk

Aug. 18- Subhash Chandra Bose's disappearance, news of death, rumoured plane crash and the obscure Gumnami Baba- all became content of a mystery talk by 3 students of class X. Presented in a PPT and delivered in the form of a voice modulated act, the talk unveiled facts behind many classified documents, serving as food for thought about the untimely mysterious loss of the Indian Samurai.

New Building

The new school building is fully functional now. Classes VIII to XII are housed in this block. The sixth floor accommodates the labs, library, chess room and art room. The state-of-the-art auditorium shall also be ready by November this year.



Students' Council

The Students' Council was formed with representation from class VII to XII. A well-defined constitution has also been drawn up which clearly establishes the councillors as stakeholders and defines their duties and responsibilities for the welfare as well as progress of the institution.

The Telegraph Excellence Award

On a different platform altogether, Shibangs Chakraborty of class XII Humanities has been honoured for outstanding contribution in music. A student of music from the age of 4 at the Trinity College of London, he has been the recipient of many National and International Awards. He has also shared the stage with renowned maestros like Hariharan, Kavita Krishnamuty, Ustad Zakir Hussain, Ustad Gokul Das to name a few. Currently, he is looking forward to the Grammy Awards 2018 for which he has been nominated.



The Telegraph Excellence Award- Best Eco Friendly School

IVWS has lived up to its mission of being a school with a difference by focusing on green energy, sustainability and renewable energy. From a 80 KWT solar plant for channelling renewable energy to low wattage fans and LED lights, the school is committed to reducing its carbon footprint. Segregation of waste is

THE DAY EVERYTHING WENT WRONG

It was a bright, winter morning
I got up in glee
I fell on the ground, thud!
Oh, poor me!
It was my best friend's birthday,
I quickly rushed to school
But there I realized it was on the next day
I really felt like a fool!
As the dates I had messed up
I carried the wrong books,
And everyone gave me a sarcastic look.
I was happy when it was time to go back
At home I would find peace
But my brother pulled my leg and mocked at me
Oh, he's a real tease!
What a terrible day I've had
The happiness has made me so sad
I'm glad the day has ended now
I'm sure tomorrow will be better somehow!

Shrijita Debnath, VII D



A NIGHT WHEN MY TOYS CAME ALIVE

'Good night mom' I said,
And I went to bed.
As I was too tired,
And very soon I retired.
Suddenly at midnight,
I heard a noise 'fight, fight'!
When I half opened my eyes,
I saw my favourite toys,
Climb upon my bed.
"Come join us," the leader said.
"Sure! I will." I exclaimed.
But before I could shake hand,
I heard a sound from a distant land.
"Wake up! Wake up!" Getting late for school
My mother screamed.
Alas! That broke my beautiful dream.
I wondered will it be ever true?
Me playing with my real transformers
Red and Blue.

Adrijo Ray, VI C

PUZZLES AND RIDDLES

1. A man is trapped in a room with only two possible exits, two doors. Through the first door, there is a room constructed with magnifying glass. The blazing sun instantly fries anyone or anything that enters. Through the second door there is a fire breathing dragon. How will the man escape?



2. A rooster lays an egg on the very top of a slanted roof. Which side is the egg going to roll off?
3. Beulah died in the Appalachians while Craig died at sea. Everyone was much happier with Craig's death. Why?
4. Tom's mother has three children. One is named April, one is named May. What is the third one named?
5. How far can a dog run into a forest?
6. A man was killed on a Sunday morning. His wife found the body and called the police. The police arrived and questioned the maid, chef, butler and gardener. Their alibis were:
Chef – making breakfast
Maid – getting mail
Butler – setting the table
Gardener – watering plants
The police immediately arrested the criminal. Who was it and how did they know?
7. A plane crashes on the border of U.S.A and Canada. Where do they bury the survivors?

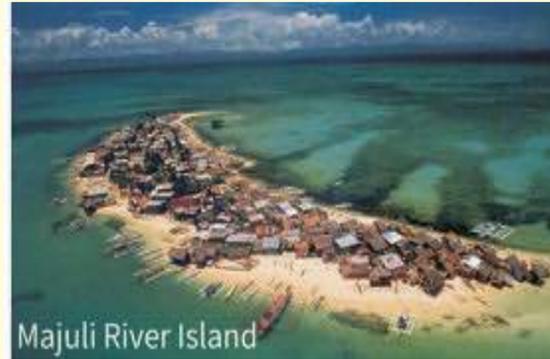
Answers :

1. The man waited for nightfall and once it was dark, he had exit through the door to the room made of magnifying glass.
2. Roosters don't lay eggs.
3. Beulah and Craig were Hurricanes.
4. Tom is the third one. The answer is in the first sentence.
5. Halfway, because after that it will start going out of the forest.
6. Maid, since mail isn't delivered on a Sunday.
7. We don't bury the survivors.

Samrat Choudhury, VI E

MAJULI – THE LARGEST RIVER ISLAND

Majuli is the largest river island in the world. It is a river-island in the Brahmaputra River in Assam and is the first island district of India. The island is formed by the Brahmaputra river in the south joined by another river, the Subansiri in the north. The area of the island is 1250 square km. However, the area has shrunk because of erosion by the Brahmaputra. Majuli has a rich cultural heritage. It is also called the cultural capital of Assam.



Because of its unique identity, Majuli has been an attractive tourist spot. It is 20km from Jorhat. Ferry services are available from Vimati Steamer Ghat. It takes about three hours to reach Majuli from Jorhat. Despite being such a wonderful tourist place, very few people know about it. We should travel to places like Majuli and experience the rich cultural diversity of our country.

Suzon Das, VIA

TEST OF TIME



Last I saw her was a summer night,
That's the day when we had a fight.
The fight evolved under a light,
And the next day she took a flight.
I never saw her again in my life
Oh how much I miss that smile
Those days we spent together
Are deep inside my mind
Oh how I wish we could meet one last time
To say a perfect bye
We were best friends forever
But our friendship couldn't survive the test of time.

Khushi Yadav, VIII A

KALPANA CHAWLA – MY INSPIRATION

It was a day in the year 1997, an extraordinary day that made history, in the name of the first Indian-American astronaut, the very brilliant and an outstanding personality – Kalpana Chawla. Born on March 17, 1962, Chawla was the 1st woman of Indian origin to go to space. Her childhood life was very different from other children of her age. While other girls of her age played with dolls, she liked to draw pictures of aeroplanes. She was not always the top student in her class, but had a very inquisitive mind.



She studied engineering in Punjab University and later went to Texas, USA, for higher studies. In 1988, she began working at NASA, as a researcher. In 1993, she joined Overset Method Inc., as vice President and Research Scientist. After becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen in April 1991, Chawla applied for the NASA Astronaut Corps. She was selected for her first flight in 1996.

Finally, a day came for her to complete her 1st space mission on November 19, 1997, as part of the six astronaut crew that flew the space shuttle Columbia Flight STS-87. Chawla travelled over 10.4 million miles in 252 orbits of the earth, logging more than 372 hours in space. It was a grand success for India. In 2000 and 2003, Kalpana Chawla was selected for her 2nd and 3rd flight, respectively.

For her absolute hard-work and excellent performance she was awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honour, the NASA Space Flight Medal and NASA Distinguished Service Medal.

Unfortunately, Chawla died on 1st February, 2003, when the Columbia Space shuttle disintegrated over Texas, during the re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. It is indeed very sad that she left us at a very early age, but India will never forget her and her works, for she lives in the heart of every Indian, like yours and mine.

Shreya Srivastava, IX B



done by installing different categories of wheelie bins at vantage points in the school. Rainwater harvesting is effectively practiced and vertical gardening using green manure along with a low drip irrigation system has also been implemented. Furthermore, an innovative technology has been employed in the use of Central Air-Conditioning, which can simultaneously change temperature in different rooms in the building as a reaction to external weather conditions. In this way, the school has made an earnest effort to contribute to environmental conservation.

Pre School Award

The school received the ASSOCHAM Best Pre School of the year award. Another glorious moment for the school. We feel extremely honoured for the recognition our efforts have received.



Clubs

The school has three distinct cliques namely, Communique- the literary arts club, Revue- the performing arts club and Cognitio- the quiz club. Activities like debating, news reading, block and tackle, MUN, voice modulation, extempore, JAM and Verteez, creative writing, script construction, reviewing literary works and theme based dynamic brain storming all fall under the literary arts club. The performing arts club hence nurtures artistic prowess in various forms of dance, music, theatre and art. The quizzing community of the school is substantially strong on account of regular moderated sessions.

TOMORROW

IVWS Alumni

The school has endeavoured to form the IVWS Alumni body. This is an initiative to foster a spirit of loyalty to the alma mater and promote general welfare of the institution. This will not only strengthen ties with the students from years gone by but shall also help in empowering present students with the experience and success stories of their inspiring alumni. Through a diversity of events, programmes and services, the bond between alumni, students and the school shall be strengthened creating a network of lasting legacies. We are looking forward to building a body with an engaged

membership base that will constructively contribute to the progress of the school and its students.

eLibrary

This initiation of a digital library is yet another novel move towards facilitating education for gen-Next. Apart from books and journals, visual, audio and video materials will also be made available to the learners. In keeping with the rapid expansion of educational multimedia, the school has endeavoured to create this e-library. Virtual learning materials have now been found to augment learner comprehensibility. Digital library has a great deal of potential for the academic sector and we are certain that this will facilitate learning.

Concert '17-18

January 2018 will see the pre primary and primary wing geared up for the annual concert. From fairy tales to adaptations of modern issues- all translated into stage productions with children dancing, singing and enacting different literary characters. Prepare to witness the spectacle.

Sports Meet '17

The annual sports meet is scheduled on the 17th of December this year. To be held at the Gitanjali stadium this year, the sports meet shall have participation in true sportsman spirit. The meet will commence with lighting of the torch followed by March past and other athletic events.

Thailand Trip

During the puja vacations the school has arranged for a trip to Thailand. With the finest of accommodations and planned sightseeing itinerary the trip promises to be packed with adventure.

South Africa Trip

A trip has been planned for young budding cricketers in the month of October to South Africa, Johannesburg. An action filled 13 days with 7 day and night matches is on the roster. Professional training sessions have been arranged, so that students benefit the most out of this venture.

Sri Lanka Trip

In the month of December, a team of basketball players will be sent to Sri Lanka for an overseas training camp. Matches with Sri Lankan Clubs have been scheduled. This international exposure to this sport is certain to better individual game.

So far, the session 2017-18 has been eventful giving our institution quite a few opportunities to add jewels to our crown. The past year has declared that have arrived and now there is no looking back.

Arundhati Mazumder

Coordinator, Cultural

SPORTS TOUCHDOWN

The first half of the year has seen students scale new heights in sports. From an exceptional exhibition at Barcelona to lifting the trophy at War of Gladiators- students have shown much strength in will and true sportsman spirit.

Following is the report.

The Captains

House	Captain	Vice-Captain
Brahmaputra	Aaishani Mukhopadhyay	Madhav Manish Giri
Ganga	Joyorshi De	Atreyi Bera
Indus	Aditya Das Sharma	Sehnaz Parveen
Yamuna	Rohosen Bhattacharya	Preity Doshi
Sports Captain-Siddharth Chaturvedi		

The Events (Intra)

CARROM		
	Boys (VI, VII, VIII)	Girls (VI, VII, VIII)
1 st	Santjit Sutradhar-VII B	Shaina Shankar - VII C
2 nd	Rahul Samajpati-VIII A	Srija Das - VII B
3 rd	Rishit Sarkar - VII C	Nitya Balaji - VIII B
	Boys (IX, X)	Girls (IX, X)
1 st	Neelaj Debnath - IX C	Archie Das - IX B
2 nd	Shourya Dey - X A	Hansika Bhagat - IX A
3 rd	Sankalp Jhawar - IX A	Oindrilla Mitra - X B

The Events (Inter)

Debanjan Sen Foundation Cup

- ◆ Held between the 15th of July and 25th of July, 2017
- ◆ At the H.B. Block, Salt lake
- ◆ Defeated Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Group Stage.



Basketball

- ◆ Junior NBA Clinic with Kevint Durant
- ◆ Held on the 28th of July, 2017
- ◆ 55 students participated in the workshop



BARCELONA

Indus Valley World School in collaboration with Hermes Voyages organized a trip to FCB Escola, Barcelona, Spain from 29th May to 9th June, 2017.

7 students from IVWS, along with 32 other footballers were a part of this enthralling football camp.



This trip was of immense significance as the students learnt the importance of discipline, dedication and determination. The students learnt to work together as one unified body; a team. FCB Escola awarded certificates to the participants for their impressive performance.

Football and sports have always united mankind.

“United by sport, united we stand”, that was the motto of this memorable trip.

War of Gladiator's (Football Tournament)

St. Joseph and Mary's School



It's time for yet another jewel in the crown of Indus Valley World School- the Champion's Trophy at The War of Gladiators football tournament organized by St. Joseph and Mary's School at the Douglas Ground, Behala from the 5th to the 8th of September. 16 schools participated in the tournament. The boys showed exceptional character on the field keeping the spirit of competition intact. Defeating The Heritage School at the semi-final stage IVWS faced the host school St. Joseph and Mary's in the final. An electrifying encounter with the valiant opponent continued for 40 minutes when finally Indus Valley World School emerged winners claiming the Champion's Trophy
Salma Sultana, Punam Shaw, Alimpan Bose (Sports Faculty)

JUST BEYOND

Just beyond the sunset,
Someone waits for me.
Just beyond the sunset,
Lies my destiny.
Where the purple mountain,
Lies in deep tranquillity,
There I would find serenity.
Just beyond the sunset,
Where the world is peaceful,
Like a paradise should be.
Just beyond the sunset,
Lies my destiny.



Srijoni Majumder, VII A

RIDDLES

1. I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?
2. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
3. The beginning of eternity, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end and the end of every place. What am I?
4. What do you fill with empty hands?
5. A box without hinges, key or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid. What is it?

Answers: 1. Sponge 2. Silence 3. the letter E 4. Gloves 5. Egg

Anubhuti Pathak, VI C

RIDDLES

1. A beautiful building in India is made out of me. I am _____
2. I am a soft rock. You can use me to write on a blackboard. I am a _____
3. I am known as the red planet. I have two moons. I am _____
4. I am the second largest planet in the solar system. My Hindi name is _____
5. I am an opening on the surface of the earth through which hot gases and molten rocks escape. I am a _____
6. I am the outermost layer of the earth. I mostly consist of rock such as granite and basalt. I am the _____

Prisha Parikh, VI C

JOKES

1. My boss told me to have a good day....So I went home.
2. H.O.M.E.W.O.R.K
Half = H
Of my = O
Energy = E
Worked on = W & O
Random = R
Knowledge = K



3. Mom : Wherever we keep the money, our son steals it. I don't know what to do about it, where do I keep the money?
Dad : Keep it in his books. He never touches them.
4. I am going to order a pizza 5 minutes before the new year and when they arrive, I'll say I had ordered this, a year ago!

Veronica Kaur, VI C

HAPPINESS

Nowadays, many teenagers are lacking one thing which is an essential part of their lives and that is happiness.



A teenager might not be happy because some don't get what they want, some think that they don't have any talent and are good for nothing and others think that they might never get the love of their life and there are many other reasons why a teenager is unhappy. As a result of this, they might start doing wrong things. What they don't realize is that they have a full life ahead of them filled with opportunities. One must find happiness in the smallest of things. Happiness is not found by buying gadgets or loving someone or playing games or watching movies. These things give us short term satisfaction called pleasure. Happiness is long term which can only be found if we work hard for it. We should start finding happiness in the smallest of things. Helping an old man cross the road, giving up a seat for someone elderly, guiding your juniors, leading a team and succeeding in assignments given to your team and guiding the team through, these are things that a person can do to find happiness. When you do such things people will start appreciating you and you feel the happiness inside you. If one fails to succeed then he or she must try again. We might fail but we must never fail to try. One does not find happiness stored in other things, one finds happiness only when worked hard for it and when one succeeds, true happiness is found.

Aranya Si, X A

CAN YOU FEEL IT?

I feel the impending doom of eternity
The endless space of black so vast
Yet so full of intricacy
Each stretch of the infinite holding infinity within itself
And you mean nothing
Not against that complete emptiness
You can do nothing
Not against the clock that never stops ticking
You are nothing.

Mainav Ghosh, IX C

THE MAGICAL BRAZILIAN



All of us have a favourite sport and a favourite player in that sport. My favourite sport is football and my favourite player is the extremely talented and the legend who has ruled football, Pele. Edson Arantes do Nascimento also known as Pele, is the greatest footballer of all times. In his extraordinary career of football he has scored 1283 first class goals which remain unbeaten till date. He was taken to the biggest club of South America, Santos at the age of 15 by another Brazilian great, Waldemar de Brito, who said that he was going to be "the greatest footballer in the world." He had played for Brazil National football team at the age of 17 and won the world cup. He is the only player to play in three world cup winning team, his beloved Brazil. In his club career he has scored a blasting 1200 and scored a fantastic 77 goals to Brazil. Later he was transferred from his beloved Santos to New York Cosmos. He played his last matches for Cosmos. He played football for 22 years and he was given the title of Sir by the Queen of England. This 75year old legend served as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. He was the extraordinary player who had mastered all of football and has a record for the most goals. There can never be a player as great as Pele. Pele is 'God of Football.'

Tamaghna Choudhuri, VIII C

THE BASKET BALL GAME



Once, my friends and I were playing a game of basketball. Beside the basketball court was a bungalow. The people who lived there were dead 5 to 10 years ago. We were playing and the basketball was thrown there by one of my friends named Anika. We all decided that we would go and bring the ball. We all gathered our courage and stepped in. The bungalow was so beautiful. We searched for the ball but it was not found. Only one room was left. We opened the door and it was dark everywhere. We stepped in and screamed as we saw the skeletons lying and our ball in between. We all ran away leaving the ball. I suddenly realized that it was a terrifying dream.

Anubhuti Pathak, VI C

DRAWBACKS OF MOBILE PHONES

These days, mobile phones appear to be indispensable communication tools but one should also know about the disadvantages of mobile phones. The most dangerous being the cell phone's power. It has a negative impact on a person's health like DNA damage, eye cancer, cardiac problems, nerves problem, sleeplessness etc. Since the screen of the cell phones are small, it can hurt our eyes due to radiation. We should see that a child should not use cell phones for long because they have a growing age so will get affected very quickly and take much time to heal. And also note that if they have any eye problem, they will see nothing for the rest of their lives. So please, we all suggest that not to view cell phones for a long time. It will be harmful in the long run.

Selene Suman, VIA



FUTSAL The 5



This 5 a side indoor football tournament was our maiden inter school sports endeavour. The response was overwhelming with enthusiastic participation from 14 schools across Kolkata. This two day event saw stalwarts of the game as Chief Guest and Guests of Honour. Mr.Kalyan Chaubey, two time awardee of the Indian Goal Keeper of the year Award, Mr. Mehtab Hussain ex captain East Bengal team and Mr. Debraj Choudhury, East Bengal executive committee member graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The tournament was declared open with unveiling of the trophies and the 'Kick Off' by all three dignitaries. What followed was a stiff fight between teams in the league stage to make it to the knock out stage. Day 1 concluded with 8 teams qualifying for the knock out.



Day 2 commenced in high competitive spirits. After thrilling semi-finals, St. Xavier's Collegiate School and St. Joseph and Mary's School qualified for the finals. An intense penalty shootout resulted in St. Xavier's claiming



the Champion's Trophy. The Honours were done by Mr. Alvito D'Cunha ex East Bengal Team captain, the Chief Guest for the evening.

My sincere gratitude to Director Sir, Principal Ma'am for their unflinching support. A big thank you to all my colleagues for their encouragement. We hope the tournament will scale newer heights in the second edition.

Alimpan Bose, Sports Teacher

KBD JUNIOR

Pro kabaddi league in association with star sports is an event that needs minimum introduction. The programme has gained terrific popularity over the last few seasons. The Bengal Warriors team, especially, has managed to procure a decent fan following. It was thus a proud moment for Indus Valley World School to be one of the eight teams selected for Junior Pro Kabaddi Kolkata zonals.



Appropriate training was imparted to the students by the Star Sports Pro Kabaddi Coach for three days. The students also received sponsored jerseys and shoes.

On the 1 st of September, 2017 a 'Meet and Greet' programme was organized by the Star Sports team in our premises. All seven selected teams across Kolkata had come together for the event, namely DPS Megacity, South City International School, PB Academy, Future Hope, Khalsa English School, St. Sebastian and Pailan World School. A short event followed where students from different schools participated. The highlight of course was the presence of Mr. Amaresh Mondal and Mr. Shashank Wankhde, players of the Bengal Warriors team to promote and encourage junior kabaddi.

We, at Indus Valley were honoured to host this event. What followed was a kabaddi knock out match at the Netaji Indoor Stadium on the 3 rd of September, 2017. Winners and runners up were awarded accordingly. The exposure through such an event has helped students widen their perspective towards an indigenous sport like kabaddi.

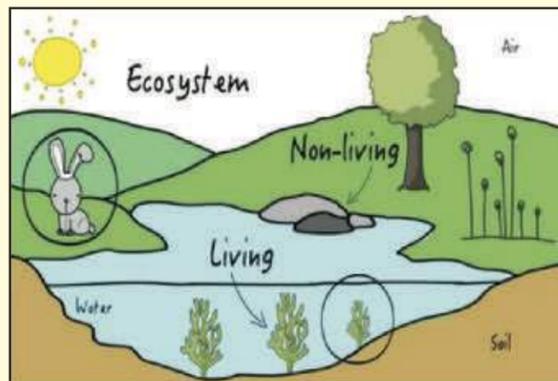
WETLANDS- THE FORGOTTEN ECOSYSTEM

Penning down an article and that too when the words are limited has always been a difficult task for an emotional person like me. Thoughts come and go throughout my 24x7 hectic schedule, but of late, my active neurons have been stimulated by the idea of saving Kolkata wetlands situated in eastern fringes of the city.



Wetlands are low lying areas which are saturated with water either permanently or seasonally such that it takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem.

The eastern Kolkata wetlands were designated a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention on August 19, 2002. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Ghosh, an eminent ecologist is spearheading this awareness campaign to save the eastern Kolkata wetlands, the lungs and kidney of Kolkata.



I have seconded his thought since my college days and have started relearning about wetlands since 1997. Last year I started this awareness campaign about the wetlands amongst school children and to my wonder, I found that this tech savvy Gen X of IVWS is adept to give wings to my dream campaign. I hope that my endeavour will succeed in raising awareness about this fast degrading and endangered ecosystem, among the generations to come.

Anuradha Gupta
Senior Academic Head

FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS



1. Gorillas can catch human cold and other illness.
2. A new born Chinese water deer is so small it can almost be held in the palm of the hand.
3. Ostriches can run faster than horses, and the males can roar like lions.
4. A lion in the wild usually makes no more than twenty kills, a year.
5. The female lion does ninety percent of the hunting.
6. All over the world there are 50,000 spiders per acre.
7. Humming birds are the only birds that can fly backwards and their wing can beat up 80 times per second.
8. Oyster can change gender depending on which is the best for mating.

Soumarup Chowdhury, VI D

I.V.W.S



I.V.W.S is the best
Helps us to pass the test
Teaches us maths and civics
Don't forget about physics.
Helps us to reach our goals
Charges us with a thousand joules
It helps us learn the text
A school for gen-next.
Teachers are kind and polite
They are like the jewel of life
Staff members are very nice
And the canteen also serves good rice
IVWS is the best
It has passed every test!

Aaryash Roy & Shounak Dam Roy, VII A

ON THE STREET



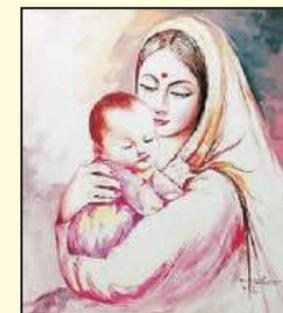
I see men with boots on their feet,
But I stand still with torn slippers on my feet.
Someday I get food, someday I don't
But I never let my hope fade. I sit on the street
reaching my hands out
Hoping for coins from rich men all around.
I sit by a side under the shade of horizon,
Watching the diamonds in the night sky
One in five men drops, their coin,
Helps me to earn a living for the day
Rain or hail, heat or wind
I sit on the street to earn my living
I sleep there, cry there but no one can see
Because I am a beggar,
A poor human being.

Preeti Mitra, VII A

MY MOTHER

Oh ! My mother
You are not like any other,
You are always mine
And you make me shine.
You are always with me ,
With a wonderful glee
What I see
Is the sweetest love with me.
When I feel sad,
Or I feel bad,
You are there
Wherever I see, here and there
Oh! My mother
You are not like any other.

Upasana Mukherjee, VI B



SHORT STORY



One day a rich father took his son to a village trip. The son said "the villagers are so lucky". The father asked, "but why do you say so?" The son replied that the villagers can see the stars and moon and they have a huge place to sleep but we have a small room to sleep. We have to buy food but they grow their own. We have a pool but they have a whole pond.
Moral: The way we look at life determines our happiness and not by the material things.

Dvita Gopakumar Nair, VI A

DEMI-GOD



In a world filled with beauty
I can't see the light
My heart's blind
My faith unknown
My fate undecided
I walk this torrent as,
An unknown man
No one knows me, it's better this way
I choose to walk this path of exile
Cutting link from the world,
Heaven's a step above, Hell's a step below
O Lord, I am an unknown being
Ceased to exist long before your creation.

Mainav Ghosh, IX C